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Physicians die like flies. Sisters and infirmarians follow the same road. Mass is no longer said in public on account of contagion. Fortunately there will always remain a negro priest to absolve the last who die, for it is a curious fact that the negroes are completely immune.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Three cases of smallpox in the city.

BERLIN, GERMANY, August 10, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that 3 cases of smallpox have recently been discovered in the city of Berlin. Two of the cases were in children of the same family who came from South Africa about six months ago. The other was in an unvaccinated German child in a different locality. No connection has been traced between the 2 foci of infection, nor with any other infected locality.

To-day I was permitted to visit with the attending physician the cases in the hospital for infectious diseases. Two of the cases were mild attacks, and the other in the unvaccinated child, was quite severe. It can not be explained how the child escaped the first compulsory vaccination which as a rule takes place at the end of the first year of life.

I was struck with the light way in which smallpox is regarded here, so confident are they in the immunity conferred by successful vaccinations.

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Respectfully,

JOSEPH B. GREENE,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,

*U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.**Further concerning the case of plague at Hamburg.*

BERLIN, GERMANY, August 15, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to report that seven days have elapsed since the plague case was isolated at Hamburg, and that no further cases have occurred. The case resulted fatally some days ago.

It is not likely that further cases will occur, but should they, I know of no city in Europe better equipped for stamping out an epidemic than Hamburg. Their experience during the cholera epidemic of 1892 has proved most valuable to them.

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GUATEMALA.

Reports from Livingston—Fruit port.

LIVINGSTON, GUATEMALA, August 7, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit my report for the week ended August 7.

The health conditions in Livingston have been excellent. One death reported, male child, 7 years of age; cause, pernicious anæmia, from long-continued dirt eating.

Following ships have been inspected: August 1, steamship *Managua*, Olsirk; number of crew, 16; no passengers; cargo, green fruit, all in